

Debate Over Changing Wagner Labor Act Is Given New Life

C. I. O. Issues Analysis Of Criticisms, Assails Revision Moves

Prelude to certain congressional debate over the issue, friends and foes of the National Labor Relations Act were engaged in a verbal free-for-all today over whether the law should be amended.

Under way spasmodically for a long time, the latest outburst was precipitated yesterday by a visit of the three members of the Labor Relations Board to the White House to discuss the question with President Roosevelt.

On their departure, Chairman J. Warren Madden told reporters the board was unanimous in the opinion that no changes are needed in the law and had so informed the President.

Supporting the board's position on their own grounds, the Committee for Industrial Organization last night released a pamphlet analysis of criticisms of the act, constituting a rejection of all pleas for revising the law. In addition to making an answer to each of the arguments in favor of amendment, the C. I. O. pamphlet admitted its fear that opening of the act to any changes, however desirable, would invite destruction of the statute.

Hostile Amendment.

"It will not do at this time," the C. I. O. said, "for friends of the law or persons sympathetic with its purpose, to advocate change. To do so is to invite hostile amendments from all sources, and above all from reactionary big business interests. Once it is conceded that the act should be amended, the movement can grow like a rolling snowball, with results that cannot be foreseen, but which may well be disastrous to organized labor."

Answering the stand of the rival labor organization, the American Federation of Labor, that the Labor Board has been unduly friendly to the C. I. O., the pamphlet said:

"The figures prove that this is untrue. In 49 cases decided by the board up to September 30, 1938, in which there was fundamental disagreement between the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. . . . the board adopted the A. F. of L. contention in 24 and that of the C. I. O. in but 21, while the contentions of each group were adopted in part in the remaining four."

A. F. of L. Renews Attack. Yesterday's pronouncement of Board Chairman Madden led the A. F. of L. to renew its attack, however, in a statement by William Green, federation president.

"Because of mal-administration by the National Labor Relations Board we think it imperative that the act be amended," Mr. Green said.

The American Federation of Little Business, in a statement issued yesterday, urged amendment of the act "to put an end to the board's power to act as prosecutor, judge and jury, to permit employers as well as employees to invoke its aid and to extend and develop greater reliance upon the processes of mediation."

The United States Chamber of Commerce and Donald R. Richberg, former N. R. A. administrator, have taken a similar position.

Calls Act Ambiguous. Senator King, Democrat, of Utah, one of the few legislators now in Capitol Hill, said he believed the act was "ambiguous and in some respects uncertain."

The law, he said, has "made for many injustices under the interpretations placed upon it by the board."

"In my opinion," he added, "it has not justified the high hopes of many who supported it. I am inclined to think the attitude of Mr. Green and the attitude of many others who are favorable to proper legislation dealing with labor justify re-examination of the law with a view to making it more workable . . ."

Film Stars on Radio Hit

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 3 (AP).—A resolution protesting the use of movie stars on commercial radio programs was adopted by Motion Picture Theater Owners of America at the closing session of their national convention today.



FALLING FOR THE PUBLIC—That's what Joseph Chiang, Jiu-Jitsu expert, and Bill Strickland, Jr., did last night when they gave a demonstration of the Japanese art of self-defense at the Y. M. C. A. —Star Staff Photos.

Here, again, Mr. Chiang, who learned this style of wrestling at the age of 10 from a monk, and Mr. Strickland show how it's done.

La Guardia Reported Planning to Support Lehman in Race

Mayor Would Sever Relationship With Thomas E. Dewey

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—New York's Fusion Mayor, F. H. La Guardia, was said by the New York Times today to be ready to throw his support to Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, Democratic candidate for re-election.

In so doing, the Mayor would sever political relationships with a member of his official family, District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, who is campaigning for the Governorship on the Republican ticket.

Mayor La Guardia, who has declined to name his preference throughout the campaign, would not comment.

Drives Lehman to Funeral. Reports he was warning toward the Governor gained momentum yesterday when he called for Gov. Lehman at the latter's Park avenue home and drove with him to funeral services for B. Charney Vlodek, leader of the City Council.

Early in the campaign, the Mayor had displayed a coolness toward Gov. Lehman because of the Governor's apparently lukewarm attitude toward the New Deal administration.

Shortly afterward Gov. Lehman, who had opposed the President's Supreme Court bill, affirmed his faith in the "humane policies" of President Roosevelt.

As district attorney, Mr. Dewey was fairly close to the Mayor, but when he accepted the Republican nomination for Governor he was understood to have gone against the Mayor's advice. Mayor La Guardia reportedly had warned him that his political prestige would be seriously damaged if he ran against Gov. Lehman and was defeated.

The Mayor, a member of the American Labor party, has a strong influence among working men in the city. The A. L. P. already has announced its support of Gov. Lehman, who is a candidate on that ticket as well as the Democratic slate.

Gov. Lehman's headquarters was jubilant at this prospective development. There it was felt that the Mayor's labor following, plus President Roosevelt's personal plea—to be made over the radio tomorrow night—would swing the tide in favor of the Governor.

Kiwans Elect. WINCHESTER, Va., Nov. 3 (Special).—Samuel C. Brooks has been elected president of the Kiwanis Club.

Three Elections Add Strike to Owner's Woes

Three efforts at holding collective bargaining elections brought Harry Hershowitz, proprietor of Economy Cleaners, 1341 H street N.E., only a strike today as representatives of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America went on picket duty in front of his plant.

According to Mr. Hershowitz, a question arose as to whether he should negotiate with union representatives on problems within his plant. Seeking only guidance, Mr. Hershowitz arranged an election.

The results favored the union by something like nine to three. Believing the question had not been made clear on the ballot, Mr. Hershowitz conducted another poll and this time the union won by only a slim margin.

"They didn't know what they were voting for," Mr. Hershowitz explained today, "so I explained it to them and held another vote."

Surely enough on this third poll, the count was in favor of Mr. Hershowitz—just as he had expected.

Thereupon the local placed its pickets and prepared to submit charges of unfair labor practices by Mr. Hershowitz to the Labor Board.

Mrs. Helen Howe Page Dies at Her Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Howe Page, 62, for many years an employee of the Census Bureau, who died Tuesday of a heart attack at her home, 3419 Mount Pleasant street N.W., were held today in Hines Funeral Home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W. Burial will be in Grace Episcopal Church Cemetery, Woodside, Md.

Mrs. Page formerly lived in Cincinnati, but had been a Washington resident for the last 39 years. She was a member of Continental Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, which she served as secretary in 1937.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Faris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; a son, George N. Page, and sister, Mrs. Marion Howe Price, both of this city, and a granddaughter, Her husband was the late George Page, formerly employed at the Government Printing Office, who died in 1918.

Play to Be Given. The University Theater of Howard University will present its first play of the season, "Outward Bound," by Sutton Vane, at Garnet-Patterson Junior High School Saturday at 8:15 p.m. In the cast are Ursula Plinton, Charlotte Wesley, Patricia Stewart, Roland Hayes, Philip Butcher, Lawrence Whisnand, Horace Randolph, Irving Washington and Alston Burleigh. James W. Butcher, Jr., is director of the play.

Millions Pyramided From \$5 in Stock, Indictment Holds

Washington Man Among Group Charged With Fraud Scheme

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—A Federal grand jury filed an indictment against 12 individuals and 5 corporations yesterday, charging use of the mails to defraud and conspiracy.

One of the men indicted was Philip Frear of Washington, son of a former member of Congress from Wisconsin.

The case, investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, was presented to the grand jury by the United States district attorney's office.

Besides Frear, the indictment named: Harold B. Grow, George J. Mitchell, Jr., George H. Clayton, Vincent E. Ferretti, Ralph H. Robb, Thomas W. Morris, S. Leo Solomon, Sartell Prentice, Jerome C. Brady, Alexander B. Beverly, Howard F. Hansell, Jr., Calmar & Co., Inc.; Fiscal Management Co., Ltd.; Northern Capital Holding Co., Ltd.; Chantry, Ltd., and National Construction Co., Ltd.

Control of Trusts. As alleged in the indictment, the scheme to defraud consisted of a plan for the defendants to gain control of certain investment trusts, including First Income Trading Corp., Continental Securities Corp., Administered Fund, Second, Inc., and Reynolds Investing Co., Inc.

The indictment charged the defendants obtained an advance of \$110,000 from Paine, Webber & Co. on the collateral of securities abstracted from the portfolio of the First Income Trading Corp., and that with this money they obtained the controlling amount of stock of First Income.

After that Paine, Webber & Co. sold the collateral for \$132,000, repaid themselves their advance and turned over the balance to the defendants.

Then, according to the indictment, the defendants conspired to abstract the securities from First Income by forming a Canadian holding company called Fiscal Management Co., Inc., on the sole asset

of \$5 paid in for the sale of five shares of common stock issued to the directors.

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Transfer of Stock. To this company, the indictment alleged, the defendants transferred the control stock of First Income Trading Corp. in exchange for all of Fiscal Management common stock and 1,825 shares (par value \$182,500) of its preferred stock. The Fiscal Management preferred stock, said the indictment, then was placed in the portfolio of the First Income Trading Corp. in place of the abstracted securities.

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Gem Case Is Referred To Probation Officer

Kenneth F. Nash, described as a former Harvard athlete and a close friend of former Gov. Ely of Massachusetts, today was sentenced to from one to two years and his case referred to the probation officer by Justice Jesse C. Atkins.

Nash was accused of taking a ring out on approval from a Washington jeweler and pawning it in nearby Maryland, the ring being worth around \$1,000. Authorities said the ring was recovered.

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